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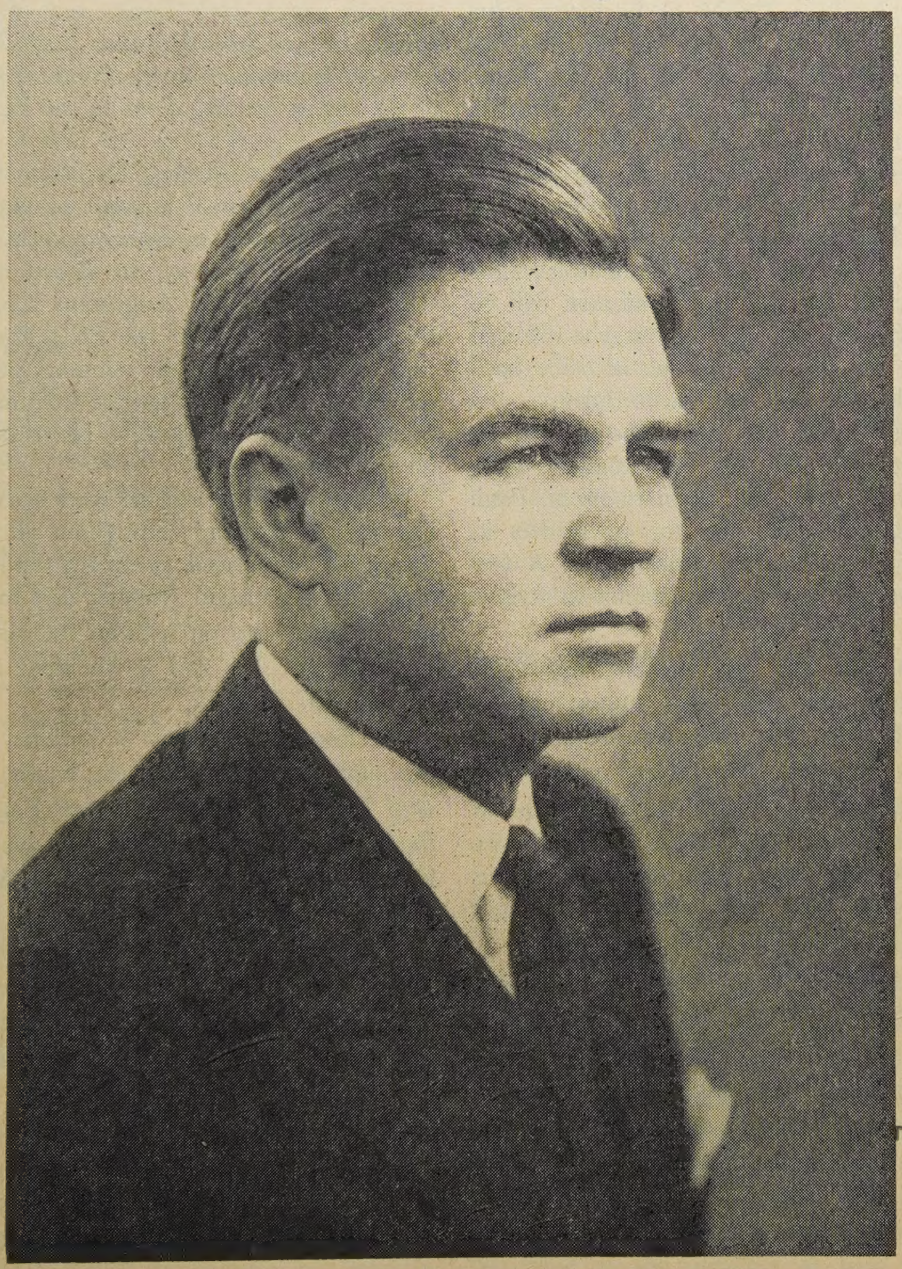

The Reverend Alvin N. Rogness, D.D., Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Elected to the presidency of Luther Theological Seminary, Friday, June 11.

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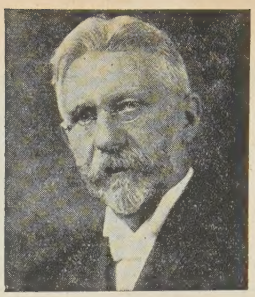

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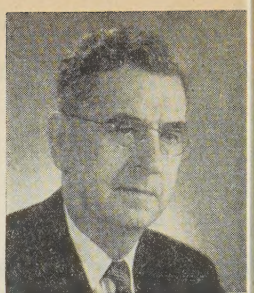

Dr. T. F. Gullixson

In 37 years, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has had only two presidents. Dr. M. O. Bøckman, who was president of the United Church Seminary at the time of the union of 1917, became the merger president of our theological seminary. He occupied that position until 1930, but continued teaching until 1936. In 1930 Dr. T. F. Gullixson was elected to the presidency. During Dr. Gullixson's term of office, the Church set a retirement age for professors of theology—70 years. Under this rule of the Church, Doctor Gullixson retires September 1, 1954. It is true that Dr. Gullixson will be 72 a few days after his retirement, but the Church insisted two years ago that he continue in office until the convention following his seventieth birthday.

As was stated in last week's issue, the convention of the Church elected the Rev. Alvin N. Rogness, D.D., to be the third president of the seminary in St. Paul. It is a privilege to introduce him to our readers in this issue; he is pictured on the front cover. A few facts about his life and career as a churchman follow.

Alvin N. Rogness was born May 16, 1906, at Astoria, S. Dak. His college work was taken at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1927. His graduation from Luther Theological Seminary came in 1932, with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. Then followed two years of graduate study at the University of Minnesota, where he studied philosophy under the late great head of that department, Dr. David Swenson.

Rogness was ordained in 1934 and has been a parish pastor ever since. His first call was to Bethesda Church, Duluth, which he served until 1937. He moved to Ames, Iowa, then and served as pastor of Bethesda there. Here he found himself engaged in a ministry to students, in addition to his regular parish ministry. In 1942 he moved to Mason City, Iowa, as pastor of Trinity Church. His ministry there was marked by the building program which gave Trinity one of the finest ch edifices in the Upper Midwest. In 1952 he became pa of First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., of the largest congregations in the ELC.

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Rogness has been ca upon for an unusual amount of work in the chu body at large and in inter-synodical relationships. has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Olaf College and of Augustana College, and of Board of Education of the ELC (its chairman at time of his election to the seminary presidency). He served on a number of special commissions, both sy ically and inter-synodically. He is a member of Union Committee.

An outstanding preacher and speaker, Dr. Rog has been in demand throughout all of American theranism for special preaching and speaking ass ments. It is doubtful whether any man among us been able to carry on such an intensive ministry in successive parishes and at the same time carry suc load of outside work.

Dr. Rogness has been a prolific writer. From pen have come the following books: *On the Way God Were King; The Age and You;* and *Who S Be God?* He has also contributed generously to per ical literature; over the years, he has written m articles for LUTHERAN HERALD.

In 1934 Dr. Rogness married Nora M. Preus, dau ter of the late Dr. O. J. H. Preus, successively presi of the Eastern District, of Augustana College, and Luther College. They have six children—five boys one girl.

In recognition of his many contributions to the Chu Pacific Lutheran College conferred the honorary deg of Doctor of Divinity upon Dr. Rogness in 1949.

He will assume his new duties September 1.

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wenty-first General Convention

Reported by the Editor

ıe Sunday of convention week has always been the ritual high point of our biennial meetings. On that y there is no business, and there are no committee :etings. The entire day is given over to services of ırship.

The convention of 1954 was no exception, other than ıt Sunday might be characterized as being as climactic the preceding days had been. It was a "mountain top y" which will be long remembered by all who had y share in it.

Bishop Preaches

aditional among us is the early Sunday morning vice at old Muskego Church, on the campus of ther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. Folks who ow The Evangelical Lutheran Church know that s is the cradle of our Church. This venerable log ilding was erected in 1843 at Muskego, Wisconsin, : first house of worship erected by Norwegian people American soil. Many years ago it was dismantled d moved to the campus of Luther Theological Semiry. The interior is almost exactly as it was the last ıe the Muskego congregation used it for its congre:ional worship.

Doctor Gullixson, the president of the Seminary, acted liturgist. Mr. Leonard Orvedahl was precentor. Mrs. bert E. A. Lee was organist, and her husband sang solo. Everything was done in the manner of our hers except, of course, that the liturgy was conducted the English language, which probably never hapıed in all the years this old church was the center worship for the Muskego congregation. There was very brief sermon in the English language, with s commentator having the great privilege of preach; that sermon.

However, what marked this service out as a spirit l mountain top was the fact that the main sermon was eached by one of the greatest Protestant leaders in world today, one of those heroes of the cross who ierged from World War II an international figure—shop Eivind Berggrav. Bishop Berggrav was Bishop the Diocese of Oslo and Primate of the Church of orway until his recent retirement. He is in the United States (his first visit here, by the way) for a number of reasons, including attendance at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches of which he is one of the presidents. He has been spending these convention days as the guest of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Bishop Berggrav preached at Muskego Sunday in the Norwegian language. To be sure, he could have preached in the English language because he speaks English fluently. However, that just would not do on his first visit to Muskego church! Attired in the robes of a Norwegian bishop, he ascended the pulpit of that little old church which Doctor Aasgaard once characterized as "our holy place" and there he preached in the language which sounded from that pulpit all the years the church building was used by a congregation. I do not want to fix hopes too high, but I think I dare say that there is an excellent possibility of getting the sermon Bishop Berggrav preached Sunday translated and published in LUTHERAN HERALD. I hope so.

A Bishop Ordains

As far as the regular service of morning worship is concerned, there was none conducted under the auspices of the convention. It is customary that members of the convention go to the churches of their own choosing. Many of the ELC churches in Minneapolis and St. Paul had guest preachers; in others the local preachers occupied the pulpits. There was probably not an ELC church anywhere which did not have a full complement of convention visitors.

The next convention service was the ordination and the installation service in Central Lutheran in the afternoon. I realize full well that my sub-head here is not accurate, "A Bishop Ordains." We do not call the President of our Church a bishop, but I hope that our readers will permit the sub-head to stand without too much criticism this time. To a great many of us as we sat and watched Doctor Aasgaard functioning for the last time as the ordainer at that service, the name "Bishop" was very close to our lips. So let it stand.

Two things characterized this service as being "different." In the first place, it was, by and large, an ordina-

tion service for men called to foreign mission service—twelve of them, if I remember correctly. In addition, three men were ordained for service in local parishes. The other members of the very large class which graduated from the two seminaries have been or are being ordained otherwise.

No person who loves the mission work of the Lord could be other than touched at the sermon Doctor Aasgaard preached. We were lifted up to see the vision of foreign mission work as it actually is. Here were men who, usually together with wives and often with children, were to scatter to the ends of the earth in the service of their Lord. Surely, the great commission of our Lord was very, very close to us in that part of the service which saw the ordination of these candidates.

A Leader Is Honored

Sunday evening was set apart for a Service in Appreciation of Doctor Aasgaard, this being the last opportunity to have such a gathering with a truly representative audience present. The fact that large Central Lutheran Church was almost completely filled surely demonstrates the regard in which our retiring President is held.

The program was simple, as it should be. Doctor Aasgaard's pastor, the Reverend Maynard Iverson, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, opened with Scripture and prayer. Doctor Alvin N. Rogness gave the address in tribute to Doctor Aasgaard. Mr. O. K. Storre, Kensett, Iowa, presented a scroll of the Resolution of Gratitude that the convention had already adopted. Doctor V. T. Jordahl, secretary of the Church Council, presented Doctor Aasgaard with a gold cross, to wear as president emeritus, in place of the President's cross which he had earlier in the day placed upon Doctor Schiotz.

Bishop Berggrav was present and brought a greeting, not only on his own behalf as a friend of many long years' standing, but also at the personal request of the King and the Crown Prince of Norway. Later I have learned that Doctor Aasgaard sent a cablegram of thanks to His Majesty the King. He promptly received a cabled reply as follows:

"I thank you sincerely for your kind greeting, and I wish for you everything good for the coming years. Haakon Rex."

During all these many years, the relationship between Doctor Aasgaard and the Royal House of Norway has been extremely personal, made all the more so, of course, by the fact that Doctor Aasgaard stood in the forefront of the work of Relief for Norway during the war. This was not a formal relationship at all, but a relationship of genuine friendship and mu respect.

Without a doubt it was the response of Doctor gaard that people had anticipated with the gre eagerness. His address was a blending of meme with a bit of nostalgia, as he looked back over the years of his service. It was also an address of gen gratitude—to God whom he had served; to the Ch and to all its pastors and members; to his "off family" over the years; and not least to the wife has stood by his side so faithfully. It was a touc thing to sit there and relive with Doctor Aasg more than a quarter of a century of the life of Church.

Thus ended Convention Sunday. Truly a spiri climax to the entire convention, it was a day, as I h already said, which will never be forgotten by those took part.

Forward Looking

I shall not go into a great deal of detail concern the discussion of the Budget of the Church for coming biennium. Those who have read Luthe Herald will know that the Board of Trustees m several proposals of a decidedly forward-looking c acter. In the first place, the total amount of the Buc for the coming biennium was set at $4,300,000 per y This seems like a tremendous increase, but as a ma of fact it is not as large as it appears, because it cludes both Lutheran World Action and as well a cial appropriation for the Student Service Divis Nevertheless, it was a step taken in faith when the c vention, with practically no discussion and the pression of no fears, decided to adopt such a budget

Steps were also taken by which, during the follow biennium, that is, 1957 and 1958, the budget arran ment of the proposed new Church will be in operat with very few differences. The chief point here is that arrangement will do away with allocation of buc shares to individual congregations, each congregat being asked to set its own goal.

We shall not here comment on this matter of Budget further, other than to say that it was a heart ing and encouraging thing to see the Church contin a pattern which has prevailed at past conventions, accepting ever increasing challenges to do the Kin work. Also, let it be added, it was surely an endo ment of the work of the Stewardship Department un the direction of the Reverend Raymond M. Olson. months to come there will without a doubt be am opportunity for us to write further regarding the ma of our synodical finances.

CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH

nowing the interest of our readers in everything which ncerns our sister bodies in the merger negotiations, interrupt the story of our own convention in order print the following story from the convention of the itheran Free Church. The story came to us from News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council.

ıe annual conference of the Lutheran Free Church, ld at Thief River Falls, Minn., June 9-13, voted to ceive for consideration" the organizational blueprint the merger of four Lutheran church bodies along th some modifying proposals advanced at the confer-ce.

The 64,000-member LFC is considering merger with ıe Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Lu-ran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran ırch whereby a new Church of 1,800,000 members ıld be created.

From the debate, which lasted for two sessions of conference, three differing proposals for the LFC's ıtinuing participation in the merger talks emerged, d will be sent to the church body's congregations a year of study in special district meetings and in al congregation meetings.

A vote on the proposals will be taken at the next nual conference in 1955, and if either one of them ries the majority of the conference, it will be sub-tted for a referendum to the congregations. A three-ırths majority of the congregation vote will be neces-y for final approval, and the referendum must be ried out before December 1, 1955.

Discussed at the annual conference were the pro-sals of the Joint Union Committee of the four inter-ed church bodies as well as the recently advanced w proposal of the LFC's Committee on Relations th Other Lutheran Bodies.

An older proposal by the LFC, calling for the con-ıtion of the church body's congregations as a "non-geographical district" within the merged church, was also renewed during the debate.

This proposal had previously been considered but set aside by the Committee on Relations with Other Lutheran Bodies in order to "avoid the problems of conflicting loyalties."

Instead, the committee had advanced what was labeled as the "association proposal" intended to provide "a means whereby our congregations may participate in the blessings of the wider fellowship of the merged Church, and at the same time maintain in some degree their present fellowship centering about Augsburg College and Theological Seminary."

To achieve this the "association proposal" contained specific suggestions about the future of the LFC's school in Minneapolis, while it accepted integration of the LFC congregations into the organization of respective conferences and districts of the merged Church and assured full participation in the total stewardship program.

The congregations of the LFC will be asked to study both the "association proposal" and the "non-geographical district proposal" along with the merger blueprint of the Joint Union Committee.

The conference also heard reports that the construction of a new library and a women's dormitory at Augsburg College and Theological Seminary in Minneapolis will begin this summer.

It was reported that $307,000 in cash and pledges have been received toward the goal of $400,000 for the new library. The conference approved the application for a federal government loan of $310,000 for the construction of the women's dormitory.

It approved a total budget for the various activities of the Church of $392,606 (an increase of $81,026 over the previous year), and re-elected the top officers of the Church: Dr. T. O. Burntvedt as president for a term of three years; Dr. John Stensvaag as vice-president for a term of one year; and the Rev. Forrest T. Monson as secretary for a term of one year. All three are residents of Minneapolis, Minn.

Convention Elections

The Church at Large

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esident: Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, Glen Head, L. I., N. Y., six-year term.

rst Vice-President: Dr. S. C. Eastvold, Parkland, Wash., two-year term.

cond Vice-President: Dr. L. M. Stavig, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., two-year term.

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The Rev. Ansle T. Severtson, San Diego, Califo for a term of four years.

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The Rev. Warren Heggem, San Francisco, Calif., f term of six years.
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Mr. Orville Varland, Jr., Rockford, Ill., for a term two years (to fill an unexpired term).
The Rev. Howard Blegen, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., f term of six years.
The Rev. T. H. Rossing, Nerstrand, Minn., for a t of six years.

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Mr. Oscar E. Westberg, Williston, N. Dak., for a te of four years.
The Rev. Norris Halvorson, Seattle, Wash., for a te of four years

DR Holds Combined Retreat-Convention

rough the twenty-five years of its history the LDR pioneered in many areas—daring to launch out on le study for its program material, freewill offerings its support of mission projects, summer retreats for officers, and specific convention offering objectives. w it is attempting something different in conven- s when it holds for the first time a combination reat and Convention at St. Olaf College July 6-11. e actual convention will be held Saturday and Sun- . The first three days will resemble Bible camp iewhat, with Bible study and discussion hours. ernoons will be given to recreation and special ings.

he theme "God's Hand Upon Me" is taken from iesians 2:9 (Phillips' translation)—*No one can le himself that he earned the love of God. The fact hat what we are we owe to the Hand of God upon*

Miss Alice Sanne will teach the Book of Ruth in r studies under the titles, "God's Hand Upon Us— Decision, for Service, for Waiting, and for Blessing." he Bible hour is to be followed by discussion groups questions relating to the Christian life. Senior LDR lers will be Alida Storaasli and Esther Onstad, ile the high school groups will be led by Betty nstad and Shirley Barns.

eparate discussion groups on LDR problems will be d for senior and high school groups under the lership of LDR officers.

On Saturday there will be short business sessions h morning and afternoon. At the Saturday forenoon ion we shall hear from the beneficiaries of treasure st funds—"Our Plus Gifts in Action." A feature in afternoon will be a look at our mission projects in ion. Among the reports will be tape recordings made Madagascar. Arna Njaa will bring a first hand ac- nt of LDR work in Alaska. Rebecca Millunchick, ular Jewish missionary, will be present to speak. Several interesting outings are planned for afternoons. Thursday a trip to the Twin Cities will include a visit to the Jewish Children's Camp, Luther Seminary, Augsburg Publishing House, ELC Headquarters, LBI, and Fairview Hospital—ending in a picnic at Lake Nokomis Park. On Friday there is a choice of outings either to Faribault to visit the institutions and church for the blind, deaf, and dumb, or to Rochester.

Besides vesper services in the evenings there will be the showing of several films, among them the new LDR film entitled "Blueprint for Janet," and the WMF film, "One Thing Needful."

Miss Esther Onstad will direct "Singing Time" each day and will prepare a girls' chorus for the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Special speakers include Dr. Oscar Hanson, Wednesday evening at 7:30; Mrs. Betty Branstad, banquet Saturday evening; the Rev. Harlan Foss, Sunday morning; and Dr. Fredrik Schiotz, Sunday afternoon. In his new capacity as president of the ELC, Dr. Schiotz will consecrate for missionary service Miss Doris Swiggum, our sixth missionary under the "Missionary-for-a-Day" plan.

The objective for the convention offering continues to be the Missionary Residence. With some over $23,000 in the fund at present, we are about ready to begin construction of our $100,000 project.

Registration for the Con-Treat will begin at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Agnes Mellby Hall. For the convention, registration will be held Friday afternoon and between eight and nine on Saturday morning. Housing of high school LDR girls will be in new Hilleboe Hall and for senior LDR members in Agnes Mellby Hall. Sessions will be held in Boe Memorial Chapel.

While the program of the Con-Treat is planned primarily for LDR members, we want to assure the public that it is always welcome to every session. Particularly do we urge people in the area around Northfield to attend the Sunday sessions.

Dr. Oscar Hanson

Mrs. Betty Branstad

Pastor Harlan Foss

Dr. Fredrik Schiotz

LWA in Latin America

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Today we are coming to think of the Lutheran Church as a globe-girdling fellowship, and rightly so. But what does "globe-girdling" really mean? If it describes a band of Churches along the equator, Lutherans do not girdle the globe at all. Indeed, it is a strange geographical fact that—except for an area stretching from India across Indonesia toward Austrialia—we seem to cling to the moderate climate of the two temperate zones. Never torrid! Perhaps that is generally true not only of Lutherans but of most Christians!

Take the Western Hemisphere for example. Here the Lutheran Church has only recently taken root in the broad belt between the Tropic of Cancer which runs close to Havana and the Tropic of Capricorn which runs close to Rio de Janeiro. Look at the map! There are more than six million Lutherans north of Cancer and more than 600,000 south of Capricorn—but not even 100,000 in between. A generation ago the only Lutheran bodies in this vast area were one small Brazilian synod and the young missions in Puerto Rico and British Guiana. But now the Church is slowly growing in equatorial America. New congregations of European Lutherans have sprung into existence in Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador. In fact, on the continent of South America today there are organized Lutheran congregations in every country save one—French Guiana!

But—and here is the rub: These young congregations in Caracas, Valencia, Barquisimeto, Turen, or in Bogota, Barranquilla, Medellin, Cali and Pasto, or in Quito and—until this year—Lima have been worshipping in borrowed or rented premises. Sometimes they are located in a busy school building, sometimes in a church of another denomination, often in a private home or a rented house. Services must be crowded into awkward hours early on Sunday morning or in the middle of the afternoon. Parish meetings must be held to a minimum so as not to abuse hospitality.

This summer the first Lutheran church in Peru will be dedicated. It would never have been possible without the encouragement and special help of our Lutheran World Action gifts which, first of all, subsidized the sending of a pastor to Lima and, secondly, sparked the building program with a grant of $5,000 and a loan of $5,000. For just $10,000 we have had a share in the firm establishment of a flourishing congregation in one o important capitals of Latin America. The congreg is raising the rest of the money. It will be a hand property in a fine residential area on the way to the airport. Think of the significance of that relat small investment in comparison with the large expensive building of our American congregatio

Similar sanctuaries are urgently needed in other S American capitals and cities where there are Luthe without a church. Some of them need more help, s will need less. An average-sized plant, including tuary, parish house, and parsonage, in Caracas, fo stance, will cost the staggering sum of $300,000 bec the cost of living is more than twice as high in V zuela as in the U. S. Our LWF Committee is plan to invest $100,000 in that important center where young congregation, within two years, attained a m bership of one thousand souls. The church counc faced with the necessity of raising the remainder wi the next couple of years because interest rates on rowed money range as high as nine per cent or hig The building campaign is now in progress.

The sum of $25,000 has already been granted to San Mateo congregation in Bogota, the Colom capital, and a good plot of ground has now been chased in the city of Cali. But you can only squ so much extra money out of the modest annual bu of less than $150,000 which must cover all this L American field work of the Lutheran World Federat including pastors' salaries, parish equipment of kinds, travel expenses over vast areas, etc. This year joyfully received a big "bonus" of $100,000 from theran World Action. Now the only problem we h is to divide the sum so as to give effective help t dozen different building projects! Unfortunately, not enough. A much larger capital investment fun needed if we are to seize the golden opportunity planting Lutheran churches firmly in the count where European Lutheran immigrants and refug have settled.

LWA—Love's Working Arm—in Latin America still carrying on its help to the homeless: those w have no church home. The Lutheran reply to the struction of Christian churches behind the Iron Curt is to gather the scattered refugees wherever they and help them to rebuild their churches. That expla how congregations are springing up in the broad b between Cancer and Capricorn. Little by little we really girdling the globe.

*Dr. Herman is executive secretary of the Division of Lutheran Co-operation in Latin America of the National Lutheran Council.

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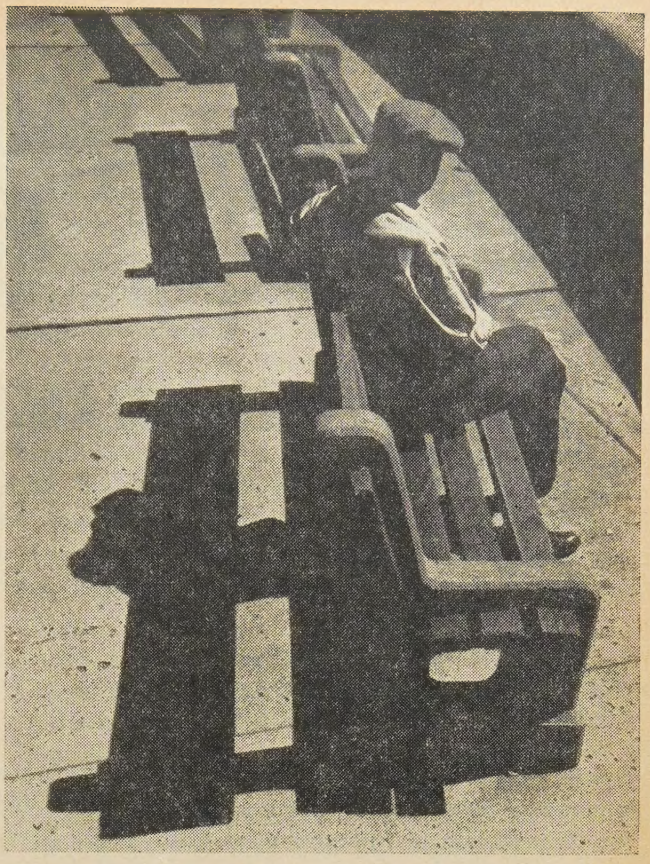
L. K. Johnson



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aw him pass down the road yesterday. He looked me, said nothing, and passed along. I don't know name but I know his kind—the Forgotten Man. Ie has been the subject of much controversy. Clubs societies for moral uplift have discussed him; lunch- and after-dinner speakers have pummeled and ded for him; legislatures—Republican, Democratic, otherwise—have in all ages fought over him. But he wanders down life's highway, falters, falls, per- s, a Forgotten Man with a forgotten soul.

sus, looking down from God's right hand, from nce He is to come in judgment, looks upon him , this Forgotten Man with his forgotten soul; sees along the great thoroughfares of life, on the vded streets of the merciless metropolis, on the rural s of many a countryside, along the dusty roads to lless, godless temples; or pressing the moss and l, the rocks and thorns of jungle trails, with un- ected feet. Jesus sees this forgotten soul embodied in men, women, and children of the brown, the black, red, the white, the yellow races of this world.

is also looks upon His Church, born and established he world through the hell and heaven of Calvary's ul day of darkness, and lifting a pierced hand renews Great Commission: "Go ye therefore and teach all ons, baptizing them in the name of the Father and he Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to rve all things whatsoever I have commanded you: lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the ld." It is the same voice that said, "Not my will Thine be done" in Gethsemane's dark hour; and in the darker hour upon the cross said, "My God! God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?" Are you a ber of His Church? Do you hear His voice? Jesus : "My sheep hear my voice and follow me." Is it folly the way we strive to save a man's body these and forget his soul?

sus knows, and all real Christians know, that men always be forgotten until their souls are remem- l. No democracy is safer than its souls are safe. Church is safer than its compassion for lost souls. individual is more blessed than his efforts to save l from sin. How easy it is to perceive even in our Lutheran Church that we want all of Christ, but we don't want Him to have all of us. Jesus did not forget anyone. We cannot forget those whom He remembered, and live.

Elisha prayed that his fearful young servant might have his eyes opened, that he might be aware of the hosts of the Lord. We should also have our eyes opened so that we can know our strength with God on our side. I am afraid that we are altogether too unconscious of the damage that is done to us every day by the hosts of Satan. Gehazi, although he had underestimated the arm of the Lord, yet had a proper respect for the foe.

Let us dare to make a few comparisons and see if we are putting first things first in our generation. Two thousand years are spent every day in the United States in the motion pictures shows. Even in depression years eleven and one half million attended every day, or eighty and a half million every week. In our own times add television. I wish such a host would as truly worship Christ every week. What time and money must be spent in playhouses, at dances, in saloons, at entertainments, at football, baseball, kittenball, golf, bowling, and trapshooting games, in bridge playing, prize-fighting, horse-racing, pleasure riding, liquor, tobacco, and gaming, and the unmentionable number of other amusements and entertainments! Fellow church member: There is much in this world to cause us to forget

the soul of the forgotten man. How does your mission envelope, whereby you would save souls, compare with your expenditures in the fields just alluded to? Many confessing church members have made the Church the scrap heap upon which they cast the odds and ends of time, talent, energy, and money, giving the bulk of their substance to the institutions of this world, and then wonder why the world is less secure than before! God never turns on the power when we are headed for the ditch.

Why can't we by God's grace this year strike a proper and fair balance in the things that belong to God? Put first things first. Jesus did. It was His delight, His very meat, to do the will of His Father who sent Him. How about a really new approach to our budget this year? Start now and do the will of Him who sent you and by whose grace we all live. Let us get back to the ground that God can bless. He will not bless the C or nation that will permit the perishing of souls into its charge. Let us not over estimate our ta be fearful of it. If our Church tithed only every month, the budget and all church debts would be and we would be sitting up nights trying to methods of spending the excess money to the advantage.

Catch the Christ vision of the souls of Forg Men! Turn your drudgery to joy! Seek not life a dead things! Let us this year put our Church wh really belongs financially and glorify God by a pr and well paid budget and a church full of every-S worshippers praying and working together! Th will come when we shall meet the souls we ha rected or rejected, remembered or forgotten. Don' merely until it hurts, but continue to give un satisfies.

Much for Little

Conrad E.

Joseph and his mother were very close. It wasn't just a matter of looks—although even a casual stranger could see the reflection of Miriam's good looks in the heavy ringlets, limpid brown eyes, and well-formed features of her son. It was more than looks, however, this deep affinity.

An only son—that was part of it. A fatherless home—that deepened it a lot. For after Benjamin was killed by the cave-in of a well he was digging, Joseph became to Miriam her very reason for existence. The sun gone forever from the sky of her life, her night found comfort in the lustre of the moon whose brightness was a reflection and a reminder of the sun now drawn a world away.

The home-town folk of Nain commented on the relationship. It was such a close tie; so intimate and close, so pure and right.

Miriam managed surprisingly well at earning a living. Her dextrous fingers spun and carded, sewed and weaved until her reputation, abetted by her winsome ways, brought in all the work she could possibly manage, and a secure income with it. Joseph's devotion, coupled wtih an alert mind, made him an apt pupil. There were many tasks he could assist with and did, patiently and joyfully. The two would sit for hours at a time while the bright threads fashioned gay patterns under their flying fingers. Sometimes Miriam would sing, usually a Psalm, sometimes a folk song. She had a sweet voice and sang simply, without effort, yet with a fine sense of interpretation. Then again she hummed. Or they would sing together, for Joseph had a true ear and a lyric soprano voice against which Miriam would weave dulcet harmonies. Sometimes, too, would talk—intelligent, sensible, helpful talk. M would so naturally accommodate her side of any versation to his boy mind, all the while whettin appetite for further knowledge and spurring him intellectual and spiritual growth.

The spiritual side of life was never neglected. M was a devout person and knew a communion with that made her countenance radiant with inner Hers was that depth of beauty granted only adornment of the Spirit of God. Any one near h any time would necessarily share some of this. Joseph received it freely and obediently. Body an grew side by side in development—if anything, th a few paces to the fore.

Miriam and Joseph were among the first of town to accept Jesus as the Messiah. In fact, they the first to hear Him.

It happened while they were on a trip to market surplus shawls. As they walked the path along the shore of Galilee, they chanced upon a crowd of p Curiosity led them to have a look. Honesty of led them to stay.

Jesus was speaking to the people from a fisher boat anchored a few feet out from the shore. I a few minutes Miriam's eyes were glowing wi inner delight as she picked up the thread of His

A heart that had longed for thirty years to se Messiah intuitively knew Him and embraced She drank in every word hungrily. Her spirit thr with the exhilaration of her experience.

Joseph sat quietly by her side, now casting loo

loration up at his mother, then turning inquisitive es toward the Master. He couldn't receive as much as d Miriam. But his boy heart also felt the stretch of ew life and new growth.

It was with reluctance that mother and son went on eir way when the discourse ended. Miriam so wanted meet Jesus, to see Him at close hand, to hear His arm, melodious voice speak some personal word. But e modesty of circumspect widowhood, ingrained by ears of constant self-control, held the yearning of her eart in check. She took Joseph by the hand, and they ent on their way.

After that experience by Galilee's shore, Miriam and oseph lived for Jesus. Each neighbor who came back ith news of Him would be quizzed so thoroughly for uotations and minute details that it drove some of them exasperation, some even to spite and scorn. But no nsure could stay the virile life that had been planted the hearts of mother and son. They would recount ch sentence and each detail of their own experience, long with all they had learned from others, until each ord and each deed of the Master was fixed indelibly n their minds and hearts.

ne day news came that Jesus was up in the hills not r distant and that people were flocking out by the ore to hear Him and to see Him.

Miriam and Joseph wanted very much to set out at nce. How good it would be to see Him again! But Miriam couldn't—she had promised to finish a shawl r that very evening. And a promise made must be ulfilled.

"Joseph, you must go," she said. "You must go for oth of us."

Joseph's heart leaped. Here was real adventure. Off nto the hills, alone. And Oh! how carefully he must isten so that his mother might through his eyes and is ears see and hear Jesus too!

"Yes, Mother, I'll be glad to go," he said. "May I leave ight away?"

"No, Joseph. First you must put on your warm coat. t sometimes gets very cold up in the hills. And I must ix you a lunch. You will get very hungry from such a ong hike, and I want you to have something to eat efore you start home again."

It was quickly done. Five of the small, flat barley oaves that Miriam made on the surface of the outdoor ven, and two of the small fish, baked to a tender, ucculent crispness in their wrapping of leaves. Oh, ow good that lunch would taste after a long hike.

But right at the moment Joseph's curiosity was more ungry than his appetite. The prospect of adventure ade his feet itch to get away. By the time Miriam anded him the lunch, neatly packed in a little basket, Joseph said a hurried goodbye and started off at a dog-trot for the hills that overlooked their home.

The run soon slowed to a walk. Even the zest of youth couldn't overrule indefinitely the complaints of labored breathing, pounding pulse, and wearied muscles. But the pace remained hurried. Nothing could detain Joseph today. The ant hill, with its fascinating hustle of activity, the little rodent that peeped warily from its warren, the sea of field lilies nodding in regal splendor off to the left—none of these always tempting sights could detain his hurrying feet.

Ah—there! Yes, there He was. Across that little valley, half-way up on the swell of the very next hill. The very bent of that lithe figure, the graceful bearing of the head—these even at this distance revealed to Joseph's keen eyes the nearness of Jesus. He seemed to be speaking, for He made an occasional gesture. The people were evidently seated across from Him and above, shielded from Joseph's sight by a thrust of the land.

Joseph hurried forward, careful to make his movements silent, so as not to disturb. He went to the far side of the hill fronting Jesus, then moved silently to the top and over the crest to take a seat within easy earshot of the Teacher.

At first Joseph's hungry heart claimed the full capacities of his eyes and ears. He wanted to catch every word, every look of his beloved Master. Within a few moments he had again the same feeling of warmth, and of well-being, and of satisfaction that he had experienced when he heard Jesus the first time. He felt so known, so understood, so cared for. The haunting questions of the whys regarding Daddy's early death seemed to recede and to lose all importance here. Here was life's answer, as to beginning, purpose, direction, and goal. The matter of the unbelievers, the scoffers, the critics, the cynics, the unjust, the ungodly leaders—here, in the presence of Jesus, it seemed evident that in due time all such perplexing situations and enigmas would be satisfyingly resolved.

Oh, how wonderful it was to listen and to look, with one's heart laid bare by the eye and one's soul raptly attentive to the ear! If only Mother could have left her duties to come along! She was so good at remembering things Joseph would miss. And she always seemed to ferret out the hidden nuggets of meaning that Joseph would fail to perceive. But she couldn't. The knowledge that he must listen and look for two made Joseph doubly attentive.

Then, all too soon, Jesus had finished. Two or three disciples Joseph could now identify by name went to the Master's side, and they talked in subdued tones among themselves, now and then looking about at the

crowd as though calculating their number. Joseph, following the cast of their eyes, all but gasped as he saw how extensive the crowd really was. Only at Jerusalem, at the time of the Passover, had he seen anything to better this. And this out in the wilderness!

Quickly he started to rise. But a twinge of pain and a numbness in the left leg slowed his progress. He stood as best he could and rubbed the leg until the numbness left.

Joseph looked eagerly about, with all the inquisitiveness of intelligent youth. Look, over there was a lad just his size. Looked like real fun too. Oh, oh! Right behind him was a round, pretty little face out of which twinkled merry, brown eyes. Joseph looked at her so steadily that she caught his eye and—no mistaking it—she winked provocatively. Joseph's cheeks glowed red under their tan as he dropped his eyes and shifted his look elsewhere. He had asked for it, certainly, but when the response came he didn't know what to do about it.

Everywhere he looked there were small clusters of men and women conversing together as the children played between.

Joseph shivered. The sun was near the horizon now, and the little valley had filled with chilly shadows. He must start for home. Dark would soon overtake him. Mother would be anxious for his return and eager to hear his report of what he had seen and heard.

First he would eat the lunch. His stomach grov hungrily in anticipation.

He sat down and opened the linen cloth Mother folded over the lunch to keep it fresh. The very s made his taste-buds alert and eager for duty.

Around him there was sudden quiet.

As Joseph looked up from the basket and glan around he found a hundred pairs of eyes all con trating on him and his lunch.

Some older eyes seemed to say, "Lucky boy! E yourself."

But among the younger ones Joseph could inter many looks as saying, "Wish I had some!"

Joseph's sensitive nature quickly grasped the n All of these had failed to take food along. They looked so hungry and tired. The animation that characterized their conversation earlier was gone n It was as though the sight of food pushed their satia souls out of sight as their bodies began clamoring satisfaction.

It was impossible for Joseph to take even one with all these eyes on him, watching every mouth jealous of every bite. He sat in deep thought, wond ing what to do next. What was one lunch among many? He should share it with someone surely, who? How could he choose out of that crowd one who needed it most?

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For Every Man

A Bible in every man's tongue.

This goal, designed to give each man on earth a Bible which he can read in his native language, is so rapidly nearing its objective it is difficult to realize that most of the progress in translations has been made in comparatively recent years. Today, the Bible—or at least one Book—has been translated and published into 1,077 languages and dialects. This includes 200 whole Bible translations, 257 complete Testament translations, and 620 whole Books.

Despite these truly amazing strides, there is still a long way to go, for at least another 1,000 languages await translations.

Five hundred years ago when Gutenberg completed the first printing of the Bible from movable type, only 33 translations existed. The invention of modern printing greatly stimulated the translators; yet in 1804, three and a half centuries later, only 71 languages and dialects had seen some printed portion of the Bible.

In that year was founded the British and Foreign Bible Society, first of the great national Bible Societies. Within a dozen years thereafter, the American Bible Society was organized on this side of the Atlantic, and quickly the number of translations spiraled upwa The pace has been picking up steadily.

Translators have worked among people who have b touched by civilization as well as in strange lan among folk entirely illiterate, among people wh language has never been reduced to written form. T translator has been described as phonetician, le cographer, grammarian, teacher, and minister, all one. In some remote places the natives have cal them "white-men-who-carry-a-book-who-pester-us-wi questions."

Often it takes translators years to master a sin language. Endless hours are spent listening to, a transcribing folk tales and conversations. Many of t languages with which they have worked are comp cated beyond belief. For example, in the Quechua la guage, spoken by Indians in the Andes, "ca" mea grindstone, "c'a" means better, "ka" means if, "k means boy. All sound alike, even look alike, yet all ha entirely different meanings.

In the Nupe tongue, spoken in Nigeria, there a 100 different words for greatness, and 60 words whi

ean long. In the Bulu language, spoken in the Cam-ons, there is no word for trust or holy, but there are ı words for different kinds of seeing. In the Ponape ıgue, in Oceania, there is no word for father, but ıny ways of saying brother.

Since mistakes inevitably occur, due to a translator's sunderstanding of idioms, sounds, or grammar, first nslations occasionally have meanings which were not ended. The Bible Societies therefore issue tentative itions. One translator, working on an Eskimo dialect, ınd he had rendered "nation shall rise up against tion" by "a pair of snowshoes shall rise up against pair of snowshoes." The difference was a single letter a 17-letter word. In a Solomon Island translation, the rase, "the wild asses quench their thirst" was later ınd to mean, "the cannibal pigs drink water to stop coughs."

Among many people in India the conception arose at God was a bluish Being because the first word of e phrase, "heavenly Father," was taken to mean, "hav-g the color of the sky."

One group of Indians in Latin America held a dis-inful opinion of Paul because they read in one of e tentative translations that the Apostle talked of eading a wife around like an ox." The translator had erlooked the right word "to lead around like an ıruly animal."

oday's needs are probably more urgent than ever be-re in history. Millions of people in the Far East, the iddle East, and Latin America are eagerly awaiting ipments of Bibles. Even in the United States, tens thousands of people are without Bibles, and all over urope Bibles are as eagerly sought as food and shelter.

To help meet these needs, the United Bible Societies e now engaged in a two-fold project. It is 150 years ıce the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched, ıd the Jubilee is being celebrated throughout the world.

As part of the far-flung celebration, the United Bible ocieties have united in sponsorship of a "World Good Will Book," which will be a compilation of signatures people who have made a contribution of a single ollar or more to a special fund to make Scriptures ailable wherever wanted, wherever needed, through-ıt the world.

Each national society will collect its own signatures. he pages will be sent to the United States for binding hen the campaign has been completed. Thereafter the World Good Will Book" will be displayed in principal ties throughout the world, and then lent for one year each of the participating Societies.

The goal which the United Bible Societies have set or themselves is an increase in distribution from 20 illion volumes annually—their present distribution—to 25 million in 1954 and to 50 million Bibles annually by 1960. Of the 25,000,000 volumes of Scriptures which the United Bible Societies plan to distribute during 1954, the American Bible Society hopes to distribute 13,000,000. To help achieve this record-shattering goal, the American Bible Society has adopted the largest budget in its 138-year old history. The ABS budget will exceed $4,000,000 for the first time.

The success of the program depends in great measure on voluntary donations from the public which are being sought through the "World Good Will Book."

"By signing their names in the pages of this book, people will be giving testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings, and their desire to share the Bible with others," said the Rev. Dr. Robert T. Taylor, general secretary of the American Bible Society. He has described the "World Good Will Book" as "one of the greatest mass statements of faith in human history."

Leading citizens in each nation have been appointed to sponsoring committees to serve the campaign of the "World Good Will Book." Sponsors in the United States include such outstanding citizens as General James A. Van Fleet, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Charles P. Taft, Edward V. Rickenbacker, Alf M. Landon, Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, Judge Florence E. Allen, Faith Baldwin, Dale Evans, James C. Penney, Roy Rogers, J. Howard Pew, Lowell Thomas, and Igor I. Sikorsky.

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Once a Leper—Now an Ordained Minister

O. L. Hofstad

Pastor Joharson is pictured above with his family.

How would you feel or react if you were told that you were a leper? This happened to Joharson while he was a student at our Theological Seminary at Ivory in Madagascar. He was nearing the end of his three-year course at the Seminary when it happened.

For some time he had noticed some unusual blotches on his body, especially on his hands and feet, so one day he decided that he had better see the doctor about this "slight skin irritation." However, after a thorough examination, he was told that he was leprous and was advised to seek admission to the Leper Colony at Mangarano of the Norwegian Mission. He was stunned by the news. Why had the Lord called him to prepare for the ministry only to be doomed to this fate? What would become of his wife and their four small children? These and many other questions filled his mind as he returned to the student compound at the Seminary. But mingled with these thoughts came also the assurance that the Lord who had called him to be a minister in His Church could also cure him—if he only had faith.

The following days passed like a dream. Preparations were made for his departure for Mangarano. With the aid of his missionary, arrangements were made for his wife and children to return to the south. The days came only too soon when he had to bid his dear ones goodbye and leave for a life of solitude and confinement, cut off from the outside world.

Though he was welcomed to the leper colony, the first few days were days filled with hopeless despair. Doubts tortured both mind and soul. But there w place where he could find relief when the bu became unbearable. He would seek refuge in church, and there he poured out his troubles to One who could help. And time and time again came away full of confidence and assurance that prayers would be answered in due time. In this was not disappointed. After a year's time he was nounced cured and permitted to go south, where was once more reunited with his family.

Two years have passed since then. In the meant Joharson has been working as a candidate in village of Taviala in the district of Manambaro. Sunday he was ordained into the Holy Ministry. ordination service came as a climax to a Spiri Emphasis Week conducted for all of the church w ers in this district. It was a big day for all who v gathered and especially for him who had, as it w been brought back from the dead. It was also a da rejoicing for the people of Taviala, who were to have their own minister. For this they had wa the past three years, ever since it was decided that Taviala district was to have its own pastor, thus stituting the fifth pastoral call in the Manambaro trict.

May the Lord of the Church bless Joharson and m him a blessing to his people. May he who has felt healing hand of the Lord be given grace to lead m who are still bearing the leper spots of sin to Him v alone can heal.

Thanks for Your Prayers

Gerhard Ostrem

Prayer was made to God by the Church (Acts 12:5). We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been and are praying for us out here in Colombia as well as for the rest of our fellow workers in the other fields in other lands. And personally, I wish to express my heartfelt thank you to all that prayed for my *tocayo* (namesake), Gerardo Wilches, and me as we were on our recent visit to our former field of work in the Plains of Casanare. We could understand that there were brethren praying for us, for everything went as well as could be expected under the present conditions.

We left Bogota on the thirtieth of March, arriving the thirty-first in La Chapa, which is almost in the center of our field out there. Right there we could see the hand of the Lord at work. Planes had not been arriving there very much lately, but God arranged it so for that day! I had sent word ahead to many of the church members that we would be coming about that time but could not state the exact day, not knowing myself just what day it might be. It seemed to have become very generally known that we were to visit them. And you can imagine what joy it gave us to see those dear fellow Christians again! There was many a firm "bear-hug," which is so typical in Colombia, when we met them. Let me make it clear that it was limited to firm, hard handshakes as we met the women. Often tears of joy were shed as we met the various Christians. It was now four years since we last were together.

One of our first problems was how to arrange our travel schedule. Our mission mule was still alive, despite the many difficulties these last years. She was at the place of one of the believers, about a couple hours' walk away, so we walked there to get her. Arrangements were also made for the hire of another mule for all the traveling which took us practically the whole two months we were in the Plains.

Travel conditions were in our favor all along, although the rainy season should have started during our first month down there. In that, too, God directed, because it was necessary to cross the *sabana* (lowlands) constantly; and when the rainy season has set in, those areas fill up with water, making travel exceedingly difficult.

What a joy it was as we went from place to place to meet the Christians again. We did not have any meetings while there. You will perhaps ask what we went there for then. Perhaps what I say here might help you to examine yourselves to see if you appreciate the opportunity you have to meet together with other Christians and others who are interested in Gospel services! The reason was that the Minister of Government (Secretary of State) had issued a circular prohibiting any public activity in Gospel work or any school work for the children in what is referred to as mission territories for the Catholic Church, and Casanare is in that area. How plainly we could see the "dog-in-the-manger" spirit revealed on the part of the Catholic Church in that circular

The people have gone through a great deal of suffering and persecution these years. Though some of the Christians have "slipped" under the strain, yet we were glad to find that the greatest part of them were firm in Christ, as in the experience of one of them. He was a prisoner a while back and was one of those I visited when I still could get into the prison for that purpose. After being released from prison a few years ago, he returned to his family in the Plains, but they found it necessary to hide in the woods or wherever they could to protect themselves. Despite all the suffering they had to go through, he told us, "God has been so very good to us. We have not suffered anything." His prison experience had brought him out fully for Christ. Though he was a Christian about fifteen years ago, he had backslidden but was won for Christ again through these trials. And what a good testimony for Christ he is now! Even the unsaved express themselves that they marvel at the change in his life. Another member, a lady whose three sons had been killed during these last years, manifested that she was firmly resolved to press on with the Lord. She had experienced the near presence of Jesus through it all. Though she cannot read or write, yet what she heard and learned when we had meetings in La Aguada, while we could work there

The Rev. Gerhard Ostrem has recently concluded a trip through the Casanare area of Colombia, where there is much persecution of Protestants. He went to visit and encourage the members of our various congregations, but his travel was not without danger because of the tense anti-Protestant activities and regulations applying to that area. We sent out a call for prayer for his safety as he began his trip and now thank God for his safe return.

some years ago, has helped her in all her trials. She is faithfully looking for the Lord's return. Her favorite song is "Un Dia Christo Volvera" (One day Jesus is coming. He's coming soon).

We visited the town, or rather, where the town used to be, where together with my family we lived several years, namely in La Aguada. This town, together with several others, was destroyed. Our house and church also suffered destruction. The roofs were completely burned down, but the larger part of the walls was still standing. Therefore, we gathered all the tiles we could from the debris and used them as far as they would reach to cover the walls. For the rest of the walls we used palm branches.

How sad it was to see the ruins—to see the church building in ruins. Since the floor was only a thin coating of cement, it was broken up, and a great amount of vegetation has grown up within the walls. As we entered what had been our church, we could not but thank and praise God for His Word which had been proclaimed there and for the souls saved. We also thanked God for what He still will be doing in La Aguada and Casanare, as also in the rest of Colombia.

One great problem that prevails now in Colombia and perhaps especially in the Plains of Casanare is that of the school for the children. The Catholic Church claims the exclusive right to run the schools, but their procedure makes us wonder. In one place they told us that a school had been established in their district by the Catholic bishop, but after about a week word was received from the same bishop to close the school.

The possibility for our schools, especially in Casanare, at present is nil. That leaves the children of the members of the Evangelical Church and others in great difficulties, if not to say without the opportunity for any education. What are we to do about it?

What we shall do is to be constant in prayer to God about the whole affair, both as to that of the school situation and of the evangelical work as well. We do not forget how God worked for the Israelites. The enemy of Israel united to destroy them, but when Israel humbled themselves and repented, God worked deliverance for His people to the glory of God. God is still on the throne!

So, dear fellow Christians, let us not get weary. We have a great God who is over all. Perhaps He is permitting these things to take place in order to cause His people to be humbled that He might work out something even more glorious than we have in mind. May His holy will be done. Greetings to you all in Jesus' Name.

Drama in Three Acts

Harold B. Kilc

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 4, 1954

Luke 15:11-24

It is a favorite parable, no doubt, a parable which been treated in a thousand ways by preachers a teachers. Now, however, consider it as a drama in th acts.

Act I. A young man is leaving his father's hou You see him light-hearted, gay, eagerly anticipating life that will be free of parental authority. He has firm hold on a rich inheritance. In the shadows of t doorway of the house stands the father. He is hea hearted, sad. This son for whom he had cared, who he had loved, has determined to "go his own way."

The symbolism of Act I is readily seen. A soul, ba tized into the name of Christ, cared for and loved God, nourished by the Word and the Spirit, is precio in the sight of God. Sin may be fascinating and gay, b it separates the soul from God and grieves the heart God. He loves the sinner. He hates sin.

Act II. A young man is seen in life's extremity. H has wasted his substance. He has spent himself in pu suit of transitory things. He is undone. Sin has gain the upper hand in life. He thought he was mast of life, but he has become its slave. He is desperate in need of a friend. You see him in a reflective moo pensive and thoughtful, alone, surrounded by swin As the second act ends, you see him suddenly stand wi a certain resolve and start off with a resolute step.

Here again the symbolism is quite clear. Memo is man's greatest asset when he is in need. He wh has once known the grace of God, who has enjoye the peace of heart and mind that forgiveness bestow only to fall into sin and away from grace, will one da remember, His conscience will accuse him. There wi be no peace without resolve to return to the Lor knowing that with the Lord there is mercy and abun dant pardon. God's love does not change. Men chang

Act III. A young man is approaching his old hom He walks with a heavy step now. The way seems almos endless. In the shadows of the doorway of the hous stands the father. In the distance he sees his son re turning home. Now his heart is glad, for the love tha he would not hold by force will be his, freely given

The symbolism is quite clear. God would have me love Him, not by force but freely. Sinners all, awakene to the need of forgiving grace, can return to God i confession and be forgiven, ransomed, and restored That is the meaning of Christ's death and resurrectio —translated into the lives of men. Amen.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ıe Epistle: Romans 2:17-29

The Gospel: Matthew 5:38-42

Monday, July 5
STEPHEN
Read Acts 7:54—8:3

And as they were stoning Stephen, he ayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

This is what happened to Stephen for ing a sincere follower of Christ! He ıs stoned. But it was not a loss; it was gain. God's gain, Stephen's gain, the ıurch's gain. Stephen died for the cause Christ. Saved by faith, he was ushered ough death into the presence of God. d's Word gained through his sincere d fearless witness. There was no "wa- ing down," no "tip-toeing," no "go- ı easy" where it might hurt. The Word ıs declared with power. Those who ned Stephen were afraid of that power d tried to stop it. Others, and in par- ular Saul, who heard and saw, had l added to a flame that God was light- g. One day this flame would be fanned o a high glow. The Church gained ough the persecution that followed. ristians were driven away from Jeru- em to the regions round about. There y preached the Word, and more con- ts were added. Stephen's death meant n.

Give us a witnessing faith, O Lord. nen.

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Tuesday, July 6
SHINING LIGHT
Read Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid."

So I am a light! Yes, if I believe the Word of God. What a distinction to be a possessor of the light of life! And Jesus says that I cannot hide it. He says that this dark world should be able to see that I have something that people of the world do not have.

But He also speaks of a "bushel." That's something we are tempted to hide our light under. And we can be guilty of it. One person may say, "Sure, I'm saved. I have the light. If the other fellow doesn't have it, it is none of my business. I'll take care of me; let him take care of himself." This is a part of the "bushel" story. Or here is another who has opportunities to put in a good word for the Lord, but doesn't. This is the "bushel" at work again.

"Let your light shine," says Jesus. Let it shine in your happiness and security, in your speaking and your working. For this Light is the Light of Life needed by all men. It is your blessed privilege to shine.

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Wednesday, July 7
NEW
Read Isaiah 65:17-25

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind."

When God makes a change in a person, the change is real. The old becomes new. God's "new" brings joy that is born of true happiness and security and peace. It begins at the very center and deals with the heart. Making its change there it works into the whole man until all is changed.

How good to be changed by the saving power of God! Paul said that the things he used to hate he now loved; the things he used to love he now hated. Many of us know what it means to experience the "newness of life" in Christ Jesus. It brings a joyous spirit, a purpose in life, an aim, and a goal. It brings strength to carry the burdens of life, to see the love of God in all things. It brings death to the Old Adam in us, and gives birth to the New Man who comes forth to live before God in innocence, righteousness, and blessedness forever.

God's New comes to all who long for the life which is life indeed.

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Thursday, July 8
GUIDING
Read Acts 8:26-38

So Philip ran to him, and heard him ıding Isaiah the prophet, and asked, ɔo you understand what you are read- ı?" And he said, "How can I, unless ne one guides me?"

There were several things that the hiopian did not know. He did not derstand what he was reading from the ɔphet Isaiah. He did not know that ɔd was aware of his problem. He did t know that God was steering Philip wn the desert road so that he, with his owledge, would be able to help him derstand the Scriptures. The only thing Ethiopian knew for sure was this: needed help; he needed a guide.

God does marvelous things to make nself known. Many people in search of ace have been steered "by accident" ɔ a meeting or a church service where very thing they had been looking for ıs found. Constantly God is guiding. Christians should always be aware of e fact that every day there are situations at God may want to use to do some iding. Some one without understanding ıy say, "How can I, unless some one ides me?"

Friday, July 9
ABOUT JUDGING
Read Matthew 7:1-6

"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

Speck and log trouble is a sin to which all humanity is heir. No sin seems easier to commit than this. Passing judgment can be an idle pastime with bad results, and one that brings an evil satisfaction to a sinful heart.

Jesus warns against it. How quick we are to spot the sins of our neighbors, be they ever so little. Just specks, perhaps, but we see them! And how blind we can be to our own failings, even though they be logs! Jesus was deliberately overdoing it when He used these terms, but He did so because He knew human nature.

Be kind! That is the word of Jesus. Be charitable. Put the best construction on what your neighbor is, what he says and does. And if we are going to do any comparing, let's compare ourselves with Christ. That will keep us humble, and it will remind us that we have sins that need to be forgiven. When we see our own "log," we can't sit in judgment.

Saturday, July 10
WRESTLING
Read Genesis 18:20-33

Then he said, "Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Abraham had started with fifty, and now he was down to ten. And God had followed him all the way. It was Sodom he was praying for. Lot and his family lived there. If God destroyed the sinful city, Lot would also perish. Abraham prayed fervently; he wrestled with God. God heard him and agreed to lower the figure, from fifty to forty-five, to forty, to thirty, to twenty, to ten.

How striking that God should answer man's request! But He does. "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." This is a promise of the Word. When we lay hold of this and use it in all faith, we lay hold of a power God has put into our hands. If we continue in prayer, if we keep "knocking at the door," God will hear. His love and mercy will respond to those who call upon His name.

Teach us to pray, O Lord. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

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SOUTH AMERICAN CONFIRMANDS

NLC Photo

Five young South American Lutherans, shown here with Swedish Pastor Ake Kastlund (right) and parish council president W. Schnurbusch (left), formed the first confirmation class of San Lucas Lutheran Church in Barranquilla, Colombia, in April. Organized less than two years ago with aid from Lutheran World Action, the parish already numbers more than 200 members of German refugee and Scandinavian background. Since this sole Lutheran congregation in Barranquilla thus far has been unable to build its own worship center, services are conducted in the Presbyterian church.

JAPANESE BISHOP BREAKS WITH MOSCOW

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Bishop Nicholai Ono, head of a Moscow-led faction of the Japanese Orthodox Church (left), renounced his ties to the Moscow Patriarchate and placed his group of followers under Bishop Ireney, American-appointed head of the Orthodox Church in Japan (right). Bishop Nicholai is shown accepting a cross from Bishop Ireney at the altar of Tokyo Cathedral after signing his formal pledge of allegiance, ending a seven-year breach in the Japanese Orthodox Church. Bishop Nicholai, 82-year-old Japanese, had split with his fellow churchmen when the Orthodox General Assembly voted in 1947 to align itself with the Russian Orthodox Church of North America. The North American Church does not recognize the Moscow Patriarch. Bishop Ireney was recognized as head of all 33,000 Japanese Orthodox, while Bishop Nicholai was placed in charge of the Tokyo Cathedral.

TO DELIVER BRAILLE TESTAMENT

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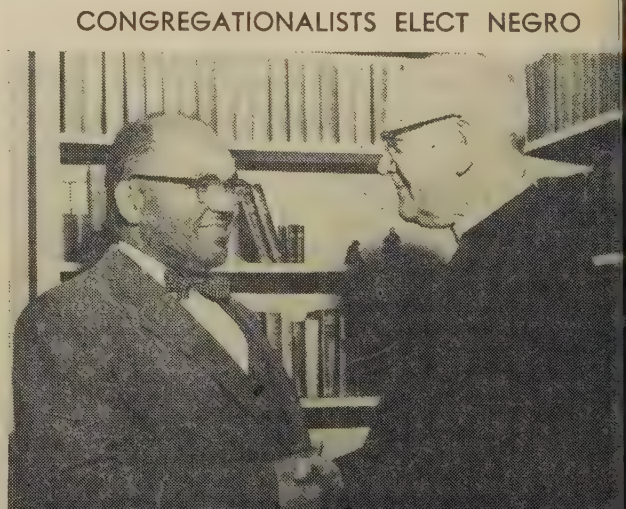
Methodist Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York receives f Miss S. Ruth Barrett of the American Bible Society a Korean Te ment in Braille just before leaving for a six-weeks tour of the East. Bishop Newell accepted the Testament for a blind, nine-y old Korean boy at the Taegu School for Blind and Deaf. Du his tour Bishop Newell will inspect re-habilitation work done the Far East by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relie

CONGREGATIONALISTS ELECT NEGRO



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Julian D. Steele of West Newbury, Mass. (left), is congratula upon his election as the first Negro moderator of the Massachus Congregational Christian Conference by the Rev. Albert Buck Coe, president of the Conference. Mr. Steele was vice-moder in 1953-54. A graduate of Harvard University, he also is t moderator of West Newbury.

CHURCH COLLECTS FROM METERS

TO WEEK-DAY PARKERS
A free-will donation will help the Church maintain this parking lot. Thanks
Cliff Temple Baptist Church

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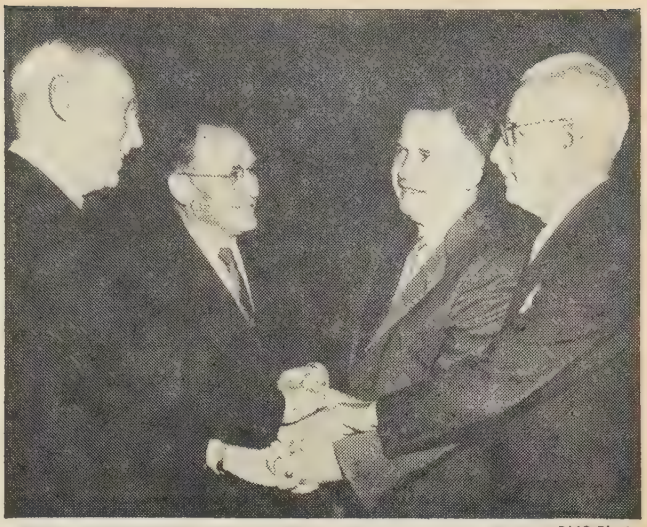
:hurch-goer deposits a "free-will offering" in one of the three king meters the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas installed on its parking lot. There is no charge for use of the which is available to the public on week-days, but the church lad to accept any offerings deposited in the meters.

PRESBYTERIANS HOLD UNION RALLY



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Moderators of Presbyterianism's three major bodies joined hands in a symbolic gesture of union at a Greater Presbyterian Rally in New Castle, Pa., attended by more than 1,400 persons. Left to right are: Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Dr. Frank W. Price of Lexington, Va., moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern); Dr. Samuel C. Weir of Dearborn, Michigan, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church; and Dr. Robert F. Galbreath, presiding officer at the rally. If the merger is effected it will unite some 3,500,000 members in a single Presbyterian Church of the United States.

.UTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION SECRETARIAT

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secretariat of the Lutheran World Federation is shown in this oto, posing at the agency's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. t to right: Dr. Henry Whiting, director of the Department of heran World Service; Dr. Fridtjov Birkei, director of the Depart- nt of World Missions; Dr. Hans Bolewski, director of the De- tment of Information; Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, LWF executive retary; Dr. Vilmos Vajta, director of the Department of Theology; the Rev. Peter Fraenkel, assistant director of the Department Information. Not present was Dr. Stewart W. Herman, director the Committee on Latin America, whose office is in New York. also serves as secretary of the Department of Lutheran Co- eration in Latin America of the National Lutheran Council.

EUROPEAN ORPHANS FOR ADOPTION

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Three European orphans brought to this country by the Rev. Lawrence K. Brown of First Methodist Church, Lockhart, Texas, for adoption are shown upon their arrival at New York. Helping the pastor to carry the babies from the plane from Frankfurt, Germany, are Ives Phyllis Seskin (left), and Jay Ciaffaglione. Mrs. Brown was also due to arrive from Europe with four other orphans to be adopted by American parents.

Within the E.L.C.

PERSONS

The Rev. V. O. Aaker, formerly pastor at Hawkins, Wis.. is now the resident chaplain of a new Lutheran home for the aged at Dallas, Wis.

The Rev. Glenn I. Vanderbilt, pastor of the North Cape parish, Franksville, Wis., has accepted a call to the Locust-Hauge parish, Decorah, Iowa.

The Rev. A. E. Strom, Albert Lea, Minn., and the **Rev. C. K. Solberg,** Minneapolis, Minn., both of them pastors emeriti, have recently passed away, Pastor Strom on June 13, Pastor Solberg on the 15th. Obituaries will be given in a later issue.

The Rev. C. O. B. Ness, pastor of the Summit parish in South Dakota, was given a farewell reception June 6 by the churches of the parish and given a substantial retirement gift. The reception was very largely attended. Pastor Ness is moving to Montevideo, Minn., where he will live at 510 N. 11th Street.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Madison, Minn. Minnesota Valley Church, parish of the Rev. H. B. Raun, will celebrate its 75th anniversary July 11, forenoon and afternoon, the latter session being a reunion of earlier confirmands. Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of **Lutheran Herald** will preach at the morning service.

Northern Minnesota

Moorhead, Minn. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, a new home mission congregation in this city, had its first unit church dedicated April 25 by Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District. Greetings were brought by President Knutson of Concordia College, by the Rev. L. M. Larsen of Our Saviour's Church, and by the Rev. Norris Erdal, associate pastor of Trinity Church, all of Moorhead. This new congregation, organized June 10, 1953, has now more than 500 members. It is served by the Rev. Sanford D. Sorgen.

Middle River, Minn. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Clarence O. Hanson, held May 30 a recognition service to honor Miss Marie Philipson for 35 years of service as its Sunday school superintendent and for an even longer period of teaching in its Sunday school, as well as for other activity in the congregation. A purse of money was given her.

Staples, Minn. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Ralph Tellefsen, celebrated June 6 its 50th anniversary. Guest speakers were: Dr. J. L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and the Rev. Bernt Opsal, president of the Lutheran Bible Institute.

North Dakota

Minnewaukan, N. Dak. In St. Peter Church, parish of the Rev. E. O. Anhalt, the Rev. W. B. Fagerberg of the Minneapolis Lutheran Bible Institute's faculty, conducted Bible conferences May 30-June 3.

Woodworth, N. Dak. The Woodworth-Pettibone-Pingree parish received 58 accessions June 6. Of these 12 were received through adult confirmation and 11 by adult baptism. Among those baptized were nine members of one family. The pastor of this parish is the Rev. R. H. Schlinkert.

Christine, N. Dak. Richland Church, parish of the Rev. Robert L. Falk, observed on June 26-27 its 75th anniversary. Speakers were: Dr. L. E. Tallakson, president of the North Dakota District; President J. L. Knutso Concordia College; Dr. Raymon Olson, ELC stewardship director; V. C. Boe, Concordia College; an Rev. Johan A. Nilsen, pastor of land Church from 1924 to 1930.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. O. S. Hanson

Mrs. Ole S. Hanson, nee Julia gen, Minneapolis, Minn., mothe the Rev. Clarence O. Hanson, Mi River, N. Dak., died June 6, 75 of age. Funeral services were held 9 at Lyster Church, near Alma, the Rev. W. R. Huseby officia She was born in the Alma comm ity until 1943, later at Chetek, and moved to Minneapolis after death of her husband in 1953. is survived by three sons and daughters.

The Rev. A. T. Juvland

The Rev. Adolph T. Juvland, Paul, Minn., died June 13, in his year. Funeral services were held 16 at East Christiania Church, Farmington, Minn. He was born 15, 1868, near Northfield, Minn. 1902, after graduating from the Un Church Seminary, he was ordai Served the following parishes: Ephra Sister Bay, and Ellison Bay in consin; Concordia Church, Supe

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH, CHESTER, IOWA

Pictured herewith is the new church of Chester congregation, Chester, Iowa, which dedicated May 9 by Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District the parish embraces also territory located across the border in Minnesota. At the morn service the same day the sermon was preached by Dr. C. C. A. Jensen, who assisted in founding of the congregation. A rural church of the parish, Bethlehem, will unite in the with the Chester church, after having celebrated its 60th anniversary late in the sum Pastor of the Chester parish is the Rev. Elmer H. Dahle.

MIDBOE TO NEW POSITION

ured above is Chaplain Engebret O. lboe, who has been appointed secretary he Bureau of Service to Military Person- National Lutheran Council.

s.; the Christiania parish near Farm- ton, Minn.; and Libby, Montana. his declining years he served as rim pastor in various parishes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

n order to help the Public Relations ice get a better idea of the areas hed by the news releases sent out ing the general convention, it would much appreciated if someone in h congregation could be appointed send in a report of which news ies about our general convention e printed locally, and in what paper y appeared.

(We have a record of the coverage eived in Minneapolis and St. Paul.) Volunteer information from HERALD ders will also be welcome.

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Lutheran Evangelistic Movement's h annual Deeper Life conference ets July 12-Aug. 1 at Mission ms, Medicine Lake, Minn. Speak- R. G. Le Tourneau, Philip Arm- ng, Dr. John Stensvaag, and Pas- s Wilson Fagerberg, Maynard Force, D. Thompson, and E. J. Conrad.

Central Wisconsin Circuit LDR will et July 14 at Crooked Lake Bible mp. Speaker: Mrs. C. M. Hanson. e circuit LCR will participate in the gram.

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For sale—general merchandise and grocery store, complete with fixtures, basement, living apartment, REA. Both building and warehouse in good condition, with 2 gas pumps. Located on good gravel road near church and school in Lutheran community in Winneshiek County, Iowa. 367-4C

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"RURAL CHURCH OF TEXAS"

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at Norse, just west of Clifton, Texas, has been named the first-place winner in this year's "Rural Church of Texas" contest, sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Members of the church entered in the contest a scrapbook containing pictures of the church and its activities, also newspaper and magazine clippings telling ways in which members had contributed to the church program during the past year. The Norse church was organized 85 years ago and is the mother church of ELC congregations in Texas. Until lately it was served by the Rev. E. A. Beaver, now pastor at Dorchester, Iowa. His successor at Norse will be the Rev. Joel E. Nelson, Colman, S. Dak., a native of Texas.

ing available. 367-6C

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Couple desires furnished or unfurnished apartment or small house in Brainerd, Minnesota. 367-8B

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Man and wife interested in managing a motel. Would consider buying later. 367-12E

HELP WANTED

Elderly woman desires someone to share her home in Minneapolis and take charge of the house. More for home than wages. Have own room. Woman not confined to bed, but does not like to be home alone. 367-13F

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Housekeeper wanted for a widower with three children, age 4 and over, on a farm in southern Minnesota. Modern, good home. 367-15F

Supervising director position open at Protestant Welfare Service in northern Illinois. Must have degree in social work. Predominately Lutheran community. 367-16G

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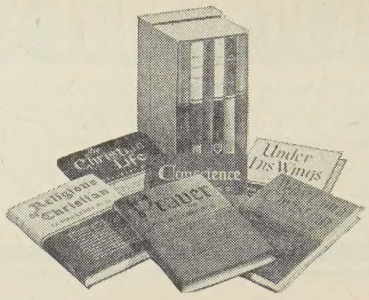

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In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

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Hanson, Mrs. Andrew, Glenville, Minn., $5.
Hanson, E. O., Astoria, S. Dak., $78.
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Midthun, Ludvig, Glenwood, Minn., $100.
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From March 22 through March 26, 1954

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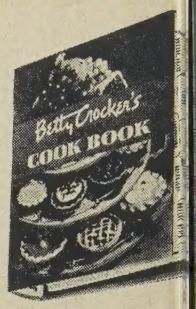

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